

Restore America's Estuaries'3rd National Conference and Expo on Coastal and Estuarine Habitat Restoration "Forging the National Imperative" December 9-13, 2006

New Orleans, Louisiana, Hilton Riverside Hotel Student Poster Contest Announcement

****Deadline for Poster submissions is April 30, 2006****

Do you have an idea, research results or case study you would like to share with the coastal and estuarine habitat restoration community? We invite you to submit a proposal for a poster session at the 3rd National Conference on Coastal and Estuarine Habitat Restoration, and to enter the Student Poster Contest. The Student Poster Contest is made possible by the generous support of Louisiana Sea Grant and Oregon Sea Grant. The Conference, hosted by Restore America's Estuaries, will be held December 9-13, 2006, in New Orleans, Louisiana.

This is the premiere nationwide forum focused on advancing the knowledge, pace, practice, scale and success of coastal and estuarine habitat restoration. Incorporating the non-profit, government, business, tribal, and academic sectors, the Conference will enable networking and communication throughout this growing movement. The devastation caused by hurricanes Katrina and Rita makes it clear that healthy coasts and estuaries are essential to the very fabric of our lives - the social, economic and ecological well being of humans in the coastal landscape. The Conference will mobilize the restoration community toward a strong national policy and commitment to protecting and restoring our coasts.

We invite you to present your project and/or research in the Student Poster Contest at our 3rd National Conference. The Conference theme is "Forging the National Imperative." Cash Prizes will be awarded in several categories:

- Human Dimensions of Restoration
- Education and Outreach
- Comprehensive Ecosystem Restoration Management
- Science and Technology
- Best Practices On-the-Ground
- Measuring and Communicating Results
- Policy and Funding If you would like to participate

Please review and complete the Call for Sessions, Presentations and Posters, which can be found at www.estuaries.org/conference.

The deadline for submissions is April 30, 2006. Please note on your Proposal form that it is a "Student Submission and the school program and terms in which you are enrolled. Students must have been registered for classes sometime during 2006 to be eligible.

The Poster contest is open to graduate and undergraduate students. Posters will be judged and Contest participants will receive written feedback. Financial assistance for students is available, including a reduced student rate (\$99) and scholarship assistance. Details will be provided in Conference registration materials.

Questions? Please contact Mindy Criser Destro at Restore America's Estuaries, mcriser@estuaries.org, 703-524-0248.